#XAIndieLovers: 5 Indie Games to take on Holiday

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Hey Xbox Ambassadors, we've got great news: we really believe that diversity in gaming also means promoting different genres and games. And this includes indie titles! We **love** indies. So this blog post will be the first of a series – **#XAIndieLovers** – focused on spotlighting the most interesting indie games available on Xbox Game Pass.

Also, just in case you missed it, summer is here: heatwaves are hitting strongly, but there is something that can always keep us cool.

Yes, "gaming" is the answer.

And if you are an Xbox player then you are definitely lucky because games are where you are, anytime, anywhere.

You can play on your consoles (pro tip: the Series S is very easy to bring anywhere with you!), on cloud and on PC. It's really up to you.

When it comes down to what to play on Game Pass though, how do you usually pick your games? We love indies and we think many of them are a perfect fit for the holiday time: whether you want to rain on parades, relive the glory days of the 80s and 90s, dealing with departed souls, go on an adventure or even enjoy some dark humour, there will be an indie game waiting for you.

It was really hard but we narrowed it down to a 5 title selection of indie games that we love and that we think you could enjoy while taking some time off!

Cyber Shadow **by** Yacht Club Games **(Cloud, Console and PC) – ThorX360**

If you're born in the 80s or 90s, you most likely played and loved some 2D action games like the unforgettable Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Castlevania, Mega Man or Ninja Gaiden. Well, today you have the chance to bring back this experience and "refresh" your holidays with a spiritual sequel to the first of Ryu Hayabusa's adventures that features 2D exploration in a lovely 8-bit style, intense combat and an amazing soundtrack! In *Cyber Shadows*, you play as a cyborg ninja named "Shadow", going up against an army of evil machines in order to rescue your fallen clan.

> '80s Retro Night with #CyberShadow on #XboxSeriesS #XboxGameClub #XboxGamePass #Xbox #XboxShare #XboxAmbassadors pic.twitter.com/PJ8MCENARD
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> — Mirko Rossi (@MX_Thor85) February 23, 2021

Rain on Your Parade **by** Unbound Creations **(Cloud, Console and PC) – zatomas**

Have you ever dreamed of ruining someone's party? Well, that's exactly what you would do while acting as a funny cardboard cloud.

While the concept of the game might seem simple, it's extremely fun: you'll discover very creative ways to use water while collecting fancy stuff to decorate your home with.

Bonus: *Rain on Your Parade* has **PLENTY** of Easter eggs and references to gaming culture. Plus, they're launching even more content during summer!

> Hey #indie lovers, #RainOnYourParade by @UnboundCreation debuts tomorrow and it'll be available on @XboxGamePass
> It is a genius fun game where you will play as a cardboard cloud with only one job: rain (and not not just that)!
> Some reasons to play it: a thread. pic.twitter.com/mvXlNpwYv7
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> — Emanuela Zaccone (@Zatomas) April 14, 2021

Spiritfarer **by** Thunder Lotus Games **(Cloud, Console and PC) – ThorX360**

Take a bit and think about a management simulator which puts you in place of the mythological Charon, a ferrymaster who must sail the seas to find spirits of the deceased, help them fulfill their final wishes and eventually reach the afterlife. Sounds interesting, doesn't it? Well, this is exactly what

you can expect from *Spiritfarer*, a slow-paced adventure that talks about unique themes with an unexpected sensibility and an unforgettable soundtrack. If you like these elements, be sure to join Stella and her cat Daffodil in this incredible journey helping the spirits to reach the Everdoor and, last but not least, find out more details about Stella's past. You won't regret it.

Night in the Woods **by Infinite Fall (Cloud, Console and PC) – zatomas**

Imagine a little city. Now, imagine leaving it and then eventually coming back and dealing with your past that you thought you've left behind. Plus a mysterious murder twist and lots of black humour and sarcasm.

Intrigued? Then *Night in the Woods* is for you. Play as Mae Borowski and enjoy the company of her friends in this exploration and story-driven gem. Oh and you'll get to play a bass guitar too!

No spoilers here, but trust me: you'll love Gregg Lee. Keep this name in mind!

"We are just atoms" #NightintheWoods #XboxShare#XboxAmbassadors #XboxMVP pic.twitter.com/eSyNVpD9TZ

— Emanuela Zaccone (@Zatomas) June 2, 2021

The Wild at Heart **by** Moonlight Kids **(Cloud, Console and PC) – ThorX360 & zatomas**

There are tons of reasons to love this game: from the visuals to the gameplay and the story, *The Wild at Heart* is one of the best indie titles we've recently played.

Basically, it is a story of training and growth, but the more you go on, the more you'll gain the self-confidence as you navigate the fairy-like setting. Explore the mysterious Deep Woods with your trusty vacuum, collect Spritelings, use their magical powers and craft new items or equipment thanks to your special ability. But never forget: the dark is bad in the Deep Woods, so make sure to stay near a campfire when the sun goes down!

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— Emanuela Zaccone (@Zatomas) May 22, 2021

So, do you love indies as much as we do? Then let us know what you are planning to play during vacation and what titles are your favorite ones on the

Game Pass: let’s keep the conversation going with **#XAIndieLovers** and happy holidays!